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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 12 APRIL 1960

PRESENT: 25X1A9a [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GG

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported the Kurd card file was being cut off as of today.

b. Ch/G

25X1A9a [REDACTED] 25X1A2g [REDACTED] reported that the task list of the [REDACTED] support project has been revised, and called [REDACTED] into 25X1A9a the meeting to get a statement of just what is to be done within the 2½ week deadline period. [REDACTED] promised to get a 25X1A9a typed list to Ch/G of what is wanted.

2. Travel Plans

a. D/GG

25X1A9a [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] may travel to Boston and Chicago to meet with potential contractors for the development of proposed external research contracts on African studies.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported on several recent meetings with the DD/I in the AD's office, during which Ch/G familiarized the DD/I with some of our current programs.

4. Possible External Researcha. External Research on Africa

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported he had received memos from DD/P and State on the proposed external research on Africa.

b. [REDACTED] Contract

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that next to the final steps have been taken to finalize the contract with [REDACTED] to produce 17 projection maps.

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5. ORR Personnel Status Report

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██████████ read the current figures from the latest ORR Personnel Status Report for divisions of the Area.

6. DD/I Notice 50-100-22

The Division Chiefs' attention was called to DD/I N 50-100-22 on "Coordination of Special Papers Prepared at the Request of the DCI, DDCI, or DD/I".

7. Exchange of Geographers

a. U.S. Team

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██████████ reported on a memo from the Chief, ██████████
OO, which gives the U.S. Team for the Geographers' Exchange as

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██████████ suggested that we make arrangements to contact ██████████
25X1A9a ██████████ personally, following up with written requirements
through OO, and contact ██████████ by despatch 25X1A9a

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b. Itinerary for Russians in the U.S.

It was strongly suggested that we take steps to bar the Russians from our mapping organizations during the Geographers Exchange; the presently outlined itineraries do not give reciprocity in mapping activities. This should be negotiated for during the planned Cartographic Exchange. ██████████ plan to speak with ██████████

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██████████ of East-West Exchange on this matter.

8. Items from the St/I Monthly Report

a. Target Sketch Maps for St/I

Chief/G questioned whether the "Target Sketch Map" project reported as accepted by GG/S in the St/I monthly Report was the one that had been turned down by D/GC by memo to Chief, St/I. The group agreed that it sounded like the same project.

b. Indian Scientist

Chief/G asked whether we had been informed of the availability of an Indian Scientist -- "a highly qualified U.S. educated geophysicist who recently completed a year's study in the USSR in geophysics" -- who according to St/I's report, is to be in the U.S. in the near future. No one seemed to be aware of it.